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- * Excerpt of pertinent information : On 26 August 1950, three members of the Romanian National Committee, Messers, Visoianu, Popa and Cretzianu, wrote to General Nicolae Radescu requesting him to convene a meeting in order to discuss methods for carrying out the provisions of the King Mihai's letter of August 10. . . General Radescu authorized Emil Ghilezan to inform Visoianu, Popa and Cretzianu that he refused to convene the Committee, as he had written to the King stating that he did not accept the provisions of the letter of 10 August that he had transmitted to the King a letter from Gafencu, refusing to sit in the Committee of Direction, and that he was awaiting the King's reply. . . Visoianu called on General Radescu and on Gafencu on 28 August. He showed himself disposed to find a solution defining the responsibilities, of the President and those of the Committee of Direction. Both General Radescu and Mr. Gafencu, however, were adamant in their refusal to consider the carrying out of the provisions of the King's letter.

- * On 31 August, Visoianu and Popa reported to the King on the attitude of Gafencu and Gafencu. They underline the fact the present international situation imperiously requires the uninterrupted activity of the Romanian National Committee. They informed the King that, under such circumstances

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and according to the by-laws of the Committee, they had, together with Cretzianu, written to General Radescu and to the other members of the Committee, informing them that they considered that the Committee was legally convoked for a meeting to be held on 8 September. . . On 6 September, a letter sent by General Constantin Petre-Lazar in the name of the King, dated 4 September and addressed to The Rumanian National Committee, was received in Washington. Taking into consideration the letters received from General Radescu, Gafencu, and Popa and Visoianu, the King had come to the conclusion that, owing to Gafencu's refusal, the Committee of Direction would temporarily consist of two members, that is, Visoianu and Popa. The King trusted that the Committee would begin working again under this new direction, being constituted with a minimum of six members and accepting this new form of directions. . . From the discussions which took place before Farcasanu made an angry exit, it was clear that he sided with Radescu and Gafencu. . . The Committee met on 10 September, in the absence of General Radescu and Caranfil, Gafencu and Farcasanu. Caranfil had disappeared without leaving an address. The Committee decided to ask Visoianu and Popa to make a last intervention with General Radescu, in order to find a means for carrying out the provisions of the King's letter of 10 August and to work out the functions of the President and the Committee of Direction. . . Visoianu and Popa called on General Radescu, but he refused again to accept the provisions of the King's letter of 10 August. . . (Emil Ghilezan) let it be plainly understood that those outside the Committee would join forces with General Radescu. . .

This is all the pertinent information on subject in the document proper.

List of enclosures with references to General Radescu follows:

1. Letter from three members of the Committee (Cretzianu, Popa and Visoianu) requesting General Radescu to convoke as soon as possible a meeting of the Committee (26 August 1950)
2. Letter sent to Gafencu by Visoianu and Popa, on 26 August, informing him that they had asked General Radescu to convoke a meeting of the Committee, and requesting Gafencu to take part in an informal preliminary meeting of the three members of the Committee of Direction, appointed by the King.
3. Letter sent on 29 August by Ghilezan to each of the three members of the Committee who had requested General Radescu to convoke a meeting of the Committee. Ghilezan informs them that General Radescu refuses to convoke the Committee as he has written to the King and told him that both he (Radescu) and Gafencu do not accept the provision contained in the King's letter.
5. Letter to General Radescu from Cretzianu, Popa, Visoianu (31 Aug 1950)
6. Letter to National Committee of Rumanian Coordination from General C. Petre-Lazar, 4 Sept 1950.
8. Official Report of the Meeting of the Rumanian National Committee on 9 Sept 1950.

For further information, see document.

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